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ELY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

October 13, 2022 5:00 p.m. – Ely Volunteer Fire Hall – 499 Mill Street – Ely, Nevada

1. Mayor Robertson called the regular meeting of the Ely City Council to order at 5:00 P.M. Harry Rhea offered invocation. Mayor Robertson led in the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for Roll Call.

Members present:

Mayor Nathan Robertson
Councilman Ernie Flangas
Councilman Kurt Carson
Councilman Jim Alworth
Councilwoman Jerri-Lynn Williams-Harper

Members absent:

Councilman Ed Spear

City Officials and staff present in the building or via video conference:

City Clerk Jennifer Lee
City Attorney Leo Cahoon
Public Works Supervisor Mike Cracraft
City Engineer B.J. Almberg
City Fire Chief Pat Stork
City Building Official Craig Peterson
City Administrative Assistant Patti Cobb (Zoom)

Also, in attendance: Members of the public in attendance at the Ely Volunteer Fire Hall signed in (appears below) and the following persons attended via video conference: Geri Wopschall

ELY CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE LIST

DATE: October 13, 2022

Print name below

Samantha Elliott
George Chachas
Belinda Galligan
Nicole Freeman
Lindsey Wanla
JESS & Terrill Trask

Print name below

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

George Chachas stated I have recently observed fourteen streetlights out on Aultman Street from Mr. G's up to JW Electric. Your City Clerk is not paying attention to safety and security issues and needs to be replaced. There have been discrepancies reported and she has yet to pull her fence back on Bell Avenue where it is encroaching on the sidewalk. It appears the City Council has a double standard, and it needs to stop. On your agenda item 10-2 you are considering approving a liquor license for 696 Aultman and that location is within one thousand feet of two different schools. On your agenda item 11-1 you are considering waiving landfill fees for the Golf Course shed. They need to pay the same fees as others do. On your agenda item 11-2 you are to consider renewing the agreement with Basin Engineering. On page one 3.1 Compensation and under B. Capital Improvement Projects; fifteen percent is way too much to pay anybody; it should be six to ten percent at the most. On page three under 3.8.2 work stoppage or termination needs to be removed. Mr. Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding the billing for his property located at 490 High Street; the parking lot that was redone at the Golf Course and lack of curb and gutter or sidewalk; his concern with the drainage from the Bath property coming down and eroding his property and the need for curb and gutter on 7th Street and Ely Street to stop this drainage.

3. Mayor – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Agenda, including removal of agenda items.

City Attorney Cahoon stated I recommend the removal of items seven and eight due to the individual not being present tonight.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve the agenda with the removal of items seven and eight regarding a Public Hearing. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

➤ CITY CLERK

City Clerk Lee stated the City has been awarded the Green Up Grant in the amount of \$100,000.00; \$20,000.00 a year over a five year period. I have prepared and submitted the Morley and Stevens Sewer CDBG Projects for eligibility, which Basin assisted with, and have ordered the required income surveys. To date my office has received fifty-four complaints this year. Sixteen of those complaints remain active with one active complaint from 2021 for a total of seventeen.

➤ CITY PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR

City Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated there was a broken meter pit on Ely Avenue and there was also damage to the sidewalk, so we did repair the pit and sidewalk at that location.

➤ CITY ENGINEER

City Engineer Almberg stated 7P is back up and running with the permanent pump and our Bac-T Test came back with no Bac-T, so we passed on those results for the State. As Jennifer stated, we have assisted on getting the information for the current CDBG projects. We also have a CDBG audit coming up for one of our previous projects and have been compiling information for that. Based on some of our information on our earmarks we received for Central Ely it looks like we may be able to apply for a waiver for the matched funds. We have been compiling information to have Jennifer submit.

5. NNRY FOUNDATION REPORT

Mayor Robertson stated I would like to disclose I am a part-time employee of the Nevada Northern Railway Foundation.

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Monthly Operations Report for September 2022

1. Locomotive Status – No change
 - a. Locomotives in service: #81, #93, #105, #109, #204, #310, 801, Wrecking Crane A & Rotary B.
 - b. Locomotive 40 is out of service for her heavy repairs. We have started on her repairs; she will be out of service until 2023.
 - c. Locomotives out of service needing moderate repairs: #201 and #34
 - d. Locomotives waiting funding for restoration: Steptoe Valley Smelting and Mining #309, Kennecott 802 and Rotary Snowplow B (for boiler overhaul.)
 - e. Locomotives out of service needing heavy repairs #80 and the military locomotives.
3. Rolling Stock Status – No change
 - a. Passenger equipment in service: #07, #08, #09, Flatcar #23, Coach #5, Baggage Car/RPO #20, Outfit Car #06.
 - b. Passenger equipment out of service: #10, #2 and #05 needing heavy repairs.
 - c. Cabooses in service: #3, #6 and #22 are operational.
 - d. Cabooses out service: #5
4. Track Status – No change
 - a. Keystone Branch is open
 - b. Adverse Branch is open.
5. Ridership and Ticket Sales – Updated
 - a. In September we carried 1,891 passengers, this is a 6% decrease compared to 2021. It was our second largest September that we have had in our 35 years of operation.
 - b. Year to date, we have carried 12,318 passengers, this is a 2% increase compared to 2021.
 - c. Since operations began in 1987, we have carried 342,679 passengers.
6. Economic Impact – Data from Travel Nevada Visitor Facts Pony Express 2016-2020
The average non-gaming & gaming daily expenditure per overnight visitor \$140.
Economic impact for August 2022 is $1,891 \times 80\% \times 140 = \$211,792$
Economic Impact Year To Date is $12,318 \times 80\% \times 140 = \$1,379,616$
7. Social Media: Our reach on social media continues to expand, in the last 28 days:
 - a. We reached 1,726,037 people.
 - b. Post engagement was 265,242
 - c. We have 118,114-page likes.
 - d. 161,214 people follow our page.

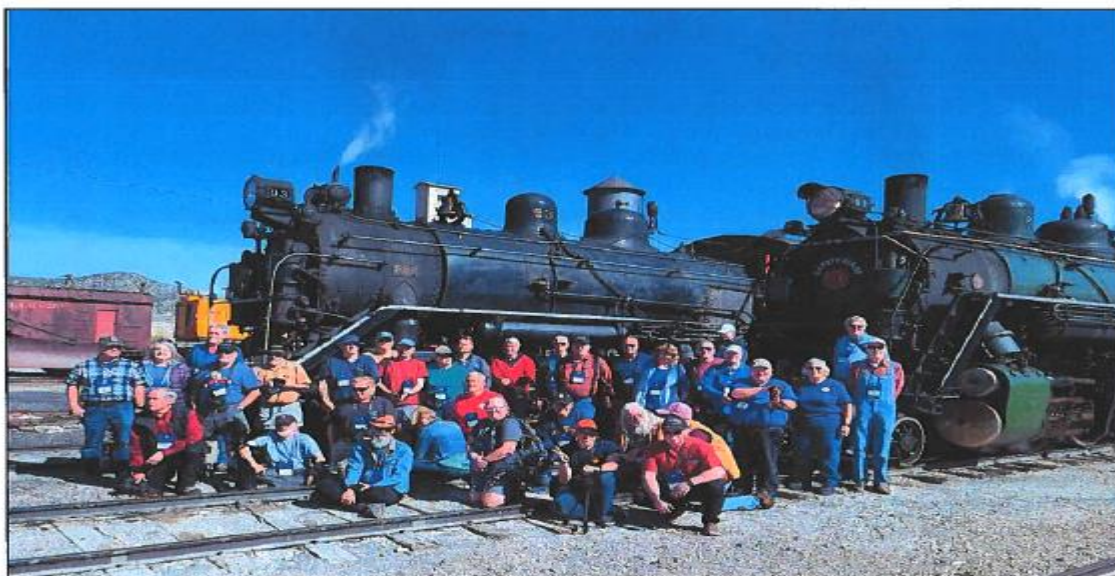
Award Winning Destination

Best Adrenalin Rush in Rural Nevada - 2020
Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence – 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014
Best Museum in Rural Nevada – 2020, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009, 2008
Best Place to Take the Kids in Rural Nevada - 2020, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007

8. Special Trains

- a) We are running two Pumpkin Patch Trains October 8 & 15
- b) Our Haunted Ghost Trains operate Oct 21 & 22 and Oct 28 & 29. Ticket sales are brisk.
- c) Our Christmas Train, Santa's Reindeer Flyer Train tickets are also doing.
- a) The 2023 Sunset, Stars and Champagne Train is on our website and tickets are selling well.

9. The 2023 Iron Horse Symposium was September 30, October 1 & 2 and was very well attended.



6. REPORTS

➤ COUNCILMAN FLANGAS

Councilman Flangas inquired about the recent Infrastructure Summit of who attended and an update.

Mayor Robertson stated Councilman Alworth, City Engineer Almberg, and I attended the Summit. Councilman Alworth sent out a very concise summary in an email.

Councilman Alworth stated I will send it again to you Ernie or print it and put it in your mailbox.

➤ MAYOR ROBERTSON

Mayor Robertson stated I think it was a valuable effort for the City to go to the Summit. We were one of about three rural communities that went. It is always nice to have a seat at the table. The State is getting \$4 billion in infrastructure funding, and I would like to make sure our community gets at least a sliver of that.

Councilman Alworth stated one other interesting point is the discussion came back up about Interstate 11 being shifted to the eastern side of the state. The interstate would go from Canada to Mexico.

9. THE MAYOR WILL RECESS THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR A MEETING OF THE ELY PROSTITUTION LICENSING BOARD.

1. Board Members – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Prostitution License to the *Stardust* located at 190 High Street, Ely, Nevada, owned by Nicole Freeman.

Councilman Flangas moved to approve the Prostitution License to the *Stardust* located at 190 High Street, Ely, Nevada, owned by Nicole Freeman. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

10. THE MAYOR WILL RECESS THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FOR A MEETING OF THE ELY LIQUOR LICENSING BOARD.

1. Board Members – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Class III Liquor License to Nicole Freeman d.b.a. *Stardust* located at 190 High Street, Ely, Nevada.

Councilman Carson moved to approve a Class III Liquor License to Nicole Freeman d.b.a. *Stardust* located at 190 High Street, Ely, Nevada. Councilwoman Williams-Harper seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Board Members – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval of Class IV Liquor License to Terrill Trask d.b.a. *Perigo Corner Market* located at 696 Aultman Street, Ely, Nevada.

Councilman Alworth stated I just want to confirm the address. Is that the white building by the junction?

City Clerk Lee stated it is Economy Drug and City Attorney Cahoon researched this. What the Trask's are doing is they have purchased a building and it is not ready to move into yet, but they want to open their catering business. Economy Drug has given them permission to use their kitchen to prepare their food and they needed a liquor license to go along with that.

Mayor Robertson asked there will be no serving of alcohol at that location?

City Clerk Lee stated correct, they would take the liquor to the event they are catering. Once they move into the new building, they will have to get a new license.

Councilman Carson moved to approve a Class IV Liquor License to Terrill Trask d.b.a. *Perigo Corner Market* located at 696 Aultman Street, Ely, Nevada. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

11. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE ELY CITY COUNCIL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES BOARD.

1. Councilman Carson - Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to waive Landfill disposal fees in the amount of approximately \$225.00 for Golf Course tin shed.

Councilman Carson stated the Municipal Utilities Board recommended approval on this item this morning. Reck Brothers were hired to pave the Golf Course parking lot. They donated some shrubbery and helped tear down that old tin shed and hauled it off to the dump.

Mayor Robertson stated I would like to disclose I am an employee of Reck Brothers. I am not voting on this item so I will not be abstaining.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve waiving the Landfill disposal fees in the amount of approximately \$225.00 for Golf Course tin shed. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Councilman Carson - Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to renew the Agreement for Consulting Services between Basin Engineering Corporation and the City of Ely.

Councilman Carson stated the Municipal Utilities Board recommended approval on this item this morning. B.J. and his staff do a wonderful job and not only do we have access to an engineer, but his staff as well. He is dedicated, local, and knows all of our contracts inside and out. Basin Engineering has been an asset to the City of Ely.

Councilman Carson moved to renew the Agreement for Consulting Services between Basin Engineering Corporation and the City of Ely. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Councilman Carson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of proposed Water Department projects provided by the City Engineer to be paid for with community service funds, with possible approval to complete engineering and go out to bid on any or all of them.

City Engineer Almberg stated in your packet are projects we potentially proposed and in discussion this morning all of our water projects are upgrades to the system, they are not necessarily problem areas. All of the sewer areas mentioned are areas that do cause us problems where Carl and his crew are out there regularly unplugging or doing something with the sewer lines. Based on the discussion this morning the recommendation was to forgo any of our water upgrades and prioritize the sewer problem areas. One problem area is on 17th Street near Suburban Propane, and number two would be on Elysium Drive on the terrace. I don't know what our community funds are we have to work with but will work closely with the City Treasurer to make sure funds are available. The desire was if there are excess funds, we would be able to roll that over and continue with road work like they did on 9th Street. The road department doesn't always get a lot of funding, and this would help benefit all the citizens that drive up and down the roads.

Mayor Robertson stated to clarify; the recommendation was to prioritize the sewer projects and wait on the water projects.

Councilman Carson stated we have been saving this money for infrastructure and looking at the water projects we really don't have that problem we need to fix in the case that the pipe is leaking and been patched a few times, and these are upgrades. I think our money would be better spent on the roads rather than upgrading our system. The water jobs we can spread out over a couple of years and try to get additional grant money. The City crew is getting really efficient at the cold overlay and chip seal. It really looks good, and I think it will last a long time.

City Engineer Almberg stated another thing to add is this year's earmark we have applied for does not include the water upgrades that are in this item, but in the same general area.

As Kurt said we will potentially have some upgrades coming from future earmarked money if we are successful in that and we can continue to apply. The Public Works Supervisor and I were out on 9th Street the other day where they just did the cold overlay and chip seal dealing with a curb project that was going on. There was a gentleman who was at his daughter's house, and he expressed how happy he was how that road turned out. He realized we spent pennies on the dollar to do that repaving job but was very satisfied and thought it would be beneficial if the City could continue to do other roads. The gentleman also stated he lived in Las Vegas years ago in an area that didn't have curb and gutter and the County came through with a bond issue on their taxes and they ended up paying approximately fifty dollars a month for a certain time frame to have curb, gutter, and pavement put in. He was supportive in an idea like that for Ely. I think people are more accepting paying a tax they see going in front of their house over going into a fund they may not see the results in for years.

Councilman Alworth stated in the Treasurer's Report we allocated \$1.8 million so the sewer infrastructure projects would come out of that. Regarding the 9th Street project, I agree, from Aultman Street to Avenue M they have done a great job. I wish they would have done the same from Aultman Street to Avenue B, it is rougher. I think it is a learning lesson and they have switched up the process and hopefully continue to do the crack sealing early in the process for future projects.

City Engineer Almberg stated bear with us, the crews are trying to do something that is out of the box of what is normal and will note your comments.

Councilman Carson moved to quash proposed Water Department projects provided by the City Engineer to be paid for with community service funds. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Councilman Carson – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of proposed Sewer Department projects provided by the City Engineer to be paid for with community service funds, with possible approval to complete engineering and go out to bid on any or all of them.

Councilman Carson stated I definitely think we should proceed with the sewer project on 17th Street and possibly the Elysium Drive project.

City Engineer Almberg stated yes, those two should be prioritized and we can coordinate with the City Treasurer.

Councilman Carson stated in the past on 11th Street they have fixed the upper half and have not had any more problems.

City Engineer Almberg stated correct, there was a section that was rooted, and they did replace that, and they have had no other issues since then. This would be completing the rest of that line.

Councilman Alworth asked on Elysium didn't we also have a sewer problem where the new house was built on Reno Road and the sewer backed up into the basement?

City Engineer Almberg stated that was a storm drain.

Councilman Carson moved to approve proposed Sewer Department projects provided by the City Engineer including prioritizing the sewer upgrade on 17th Street and Elysium Drive, to be paid for with community service funds after coordinating with the City Treasurer. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Councilman Carson – Public Works Supervisor Cracraft – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to purchase of Caterpillar Model 304 C3 TH Hydraulic Excavator in the amount of \$74,000, budgeted in FY23 Water/Sewer Funds.

Councilman Carson stated the Municipal Utilities Board recommended approval on this item this morning. It is desperately needed. The old excavator can be moved to the cemetery and used there.

City Public Works Supervisor Cracraft stated the company said they could have it here next week.

Councilman Carson moved to approve the purchase of Caterpillar Model 304 C3 TH Hydraulic Excavator in the amount of \$74,000, budgeted in FY23 Water/Sewer Funds. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

12. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION ONLY OF THE ELY CITY COUNCIL.

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Alworth disclosed I am a past member of the Volunteer Fire Department and bills that are paid on behalf of the City of Ely Fire Department I believe are paid in the best interest of the citizens.

Mayor Robertson disclosed my spouse is a member of the Volunteer Fire Department, he doesn't get treated any different than any other volunteer.

MOTION: Move to approve the Consent Agenda item 12A-1 Minutes and 12A-2 Bills.

Moved by: Councilwoman Williams-Harper Second by: Councilman Alworth Vote: Unanimous

1. Discussion/For Possible Action – Minutes
 - August 25, 2022
2. Discussion/For Possible Action – Bills.
 - September 20, 2022
 - September 29, 2022
 - October 6, 2022

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Councilman Spear – Councilman Alworth – Discussion Only – Update on Porter Group efforts on the City of Ely's behalf to secure federal and State funding.

Councilman Alworth reviewed the following report:

Good evening City of Ely,

Please see below for tonight's City Council update, not much on the Congressional front with the election and all but more to discuss on grants and state-level funding below – enjoy and I look forward to our call on Monday!

Porter Group Federal Activity Update Prepared for the City of Ely

October 13, 2022

FY22 Community Project Funding – Central Ely Sewer

- Following Clerk Lee's research on and submission of the questionnaire sent to us by Jill from EPA on our project, I can now setup a meeting with her to discuss any parts of the process on which we need clarity regarding using our CPF funding
 - Cameron will work with Jill and the City to setup a time for a meeting with Jill

Firehouse Solar Panels Repairs – Federal Grant Funding

- Cameron's research into the energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program has indicated that the City may need to work with White Pine County to access this federal funding program for the repair of the firehouse solar panels.
 - Ely's population size may exclude the City from applying directly, according to Dept. of Energy documentation outlining the allocation amounts for this program and eligible recipient entities.
 - Porter Group will continue to prepare for the release of this program's Notice of Funding Opportunity and, if necessary, work with the County to facilitate the City's application if/when such coordination becomes necessary.

FY23 Community Project Funding – East Ely Water Mains

- No action has occurred on the FY23 appropriations omnibus that will contain the City's FY23 CPF funding for the East Ely Water Mains project, on account of lawmakers' departure from DC for this year's midterm elections.
 - Congress is expected to make further progress on passing this legislation upon its return from the election recess, the government is currently funded through Dec 15 of this year, it is expected that final passage of the FY23 omnibus appropriations may not occur until just before Christmas or possibly, if another continuing resolution is needed, Q1 2023.

Nevada Northern Railway Foundation - Federal Grant Funding Application

- Porter Group has been working with the NNRF to identify a scope of work and construction activities in order to solicit federal funding for several railway grade-crossing and track improvements to the Foundation's existing track network.
 - To facilitate this application, Porter Group has connected the Foundation with a NV-based grants writer, Holli Else, of Aspire Grant Solutions

- PG and the Foundation are reviewing Holli's services and planning for further action on the application process, pending the Foundation's agreement.

Federal Funding and Nevada

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law enacted several billion in formula funding that is making its way into Nevada through many different programs from various Federal departments.
 - Cameron is working to identify programs in this state-level funding of interest to the City's infrastructure investment priorities and will report back next week with his findings so that the City can meet with Nevada infrastructure officials to open a dialogue with the state on soliciting parts of this funding stream for the City.

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2. Councilman Alworth – Discussion/For Possible Action – Review of Commnet's written answers to questions regarding Connect America Fund (CAF) Phase II as it relates to White Pine County, their Broadband Infrastructure Program grant application and the Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure grant program with possible direction regarding City's response.

Councilman Alworth stated they answered the questions in detail that were requested. If people would like to know more, they can contact Jennifer.

3. Councilman Alworth – Human Resources Director Trask – City Attorney Cahoon - Discussion/For Possible Action – Presentation of written plan to transition the Public Works Supervisor position to a Public Works Director position, with possible direction to initiate said transition.

Councilman Alworth stated this is the perfect example of what I asked for. It turned out great and answered all of my questions. The only question I have is the position appointed by the mayor and approved by the Council? We have a good process working right now on the chain of command. If we go through with this and we have an issue with the Public Works Department, who would we go to?

Mayor Robertson stated I believe you would go to the Public Works Director. All the appointed City Officials are on the same level. They answer directly to the Council and mayor.

Councilman Alworth stated there will have to be a transition period because he is going to get blasted with all the stuff that Jennifer gets blasted with right now. I am just pulling this out of the air, maybe reinitiating a simple work order process would be helpful.

Mayor Robertson stated instigating one of those work order processes may not be a bad idea. I have worked at places that do that and it keeps a good paper trail of what's been reported and when it is resolved.

Councilman Alworth stated I think the report is good and it gives us time to look at it and plan on transitioning this position until next fiscal year; kudos to her for this report.

Councilman Carson asked would this be a non-working supervisor position?

Councilman Alworth stated yes, because we can't have this person interfering with the hourly positions that cut grass and so on.

Councilman Carson asked what do we do then backfill the Parks and cemetery leadman position?

Councilman Alworth stated it would be going back to what we used to have. It was called a sexton for the cemetery, not a leadman.

Councilman Carson stated another thought here is if we are going to go out for qualifications and require five years of experience, do we want to add water and sewer certifications that are required? If we are going to have a non-working supervisor that is going to manage the whole City I think they should have those qualifications. I haven't been working on this item much, what are we going to do with Mike's position if we don't put him in this position?

Mayor Robertson asked City Attorney Cahoon that would be an item that would need to be a future agenda item as this is the organizational issue?

City Attorney Cahoon stated yes, the qualifications Mike currently has meet the current Code requirements and within the pay range so there shouldn't be an issue.

Mayor Robertson stated we can put that on the agenda as we work through this process.

Councilwoman Williams-Harper moved to transition the Public Works Supervisor position to a Public Works Director position beginning Fiscal Year 2023/2024. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Councilwoman Williams-Harper – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approve Thank You letter to Tesla, Inc. for their scheduled installation of a privately-funded electric vehicle supercharger station at Ridleys, as well as a Thank You letter to Ridley's Family Markets for making their Ely location available.

Councilman Carson moved to approve sending a Thank You letter to Tesla, Inc. for their scheduled installation of a privately funded electric vehicle supercharger station at Ridleys, as well as a Thank You letter to Ridley's Family Markets for making their Ely location available. Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Council Members – City Treasurer/HR Director Trask – Discussion/For Possible Action – Leavitt Group Insurance Representative –Renewal proposal of healthcare coverage for the City of Ely, December 1, 2022-November 30, 2023.

Leavitt Group Insurance Representative Lindsey Wanlass stated this year's renewal is a good one compared to years past. It is a 1.7% increase, and the plan does stay the same. We have the options to go with Sierra Health and Life, Blue Cross Blue Shield, or Cigna. Cigna is underwritten and, in the past, has not been the best for the City. I talked to Janette, and she did not want to go with Cigna because the increase to the current insurance is very low. Dental and vision insurance did increase a bit more. COVID has caught up to dental and vision and I haven't seen anything under a ten percent increase for dental because nobody went to the dentist in 2020. There was a 12% increase on the dental and a 3% increase on the vision. You are looking at about twenty-six cents on the employee only on vision. The dental did get hit the hardest and after speaking with Janette she had budgeted 12% overall for medical so we are way under in medical which is great as that is where the most money is spent.

Councilman Alworth asked on the handout all the numbers are the same as previous plans.

Leavitt Group Insurance Representative Lindsey Wanlass stated yes, the plan stayed the same. The City is age banded so you don't see the rates.

Councilman Alworth stated explain to me age banded.

Leavitt Group Insurance Representative Lindsey Wanlass stated depending on age of those covered there is a price to go with that. If you have multiple children on the plan covered by the City the first three you pay for and the rest are free.

Councilman Alworth asked have you had any feedback from employees not getting satisfactory service?

Leavitt Group Insurance Representative Lindsey Wanlass stated that would be a question for Janette. I personally have not. I know the biggest struggle we have had in general is the pre-authorizations and right now that is with every carrier.

Councilman Alworth moved to approve the renewal proposal of healthcare coverage for the City of Ely, December 1, 2022-November 30, 2023. Councilman Carson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Council Members – City Clerk Lee – Discussion/For Possible Action – Approval to hold the second regular meeting in November on the 17th and only one regular meeting in December on the 8th, due to the Holidays.

City Clerk Lee stated I placed this on the agenda because of the election. The special meeting to canvas the vote will be on the 15th and holding a regular meeting on the 17th will allow the newly elected members to be sworn in on that day.

Councilman Carson moved to approve holding the second regular meeting in November on the 17th and only one regular meeting in December on the 8th, due to the holidays. Councilman Flangas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Terrill Trask stated thank you for approving the liquor license for Perigo Corner Market.

George Chachas stated ongoing concerns regarding his request of a list of those that have received citations for non-compliance; his request of a list of permitted RVs and if they are paying utilities; his concern that Mr. Carson has a modular home in a trailer park; alleged discrimination, and he wants to use his property as others do; his request for reimbursement for the sewer repair he paid for at his property located at 681 Parker; if the City ever collected in full for water, sewer and landfill services from the Historical Railroad when they owned the White Pine Trailer Park; collected in full from Garnett Mercantile; collected in full for utilities from the Golf Course; and the RPC and City Council not addressing City Codes violated.

Kurt Carson stated I told Mr. Chachas this morning that Keith Carson does not own that trailer park he is referring to and did not put that trailer there. I wish he would get his facts straight.

14. ADJOURNMENT: THE MEETING MAY BE ADJOURNED BY APPROPRIATE MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Councilman Carson moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Ely City Council at **5:58 p.m.** Councilman Alworth seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR

ATTEST